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PANIC IN THEATRE FROM LOBBY FIGHT

As Audience at Proctor's 58th Street Place Was Dispersing, Four Men, One a Policeman in Citizens' Clothes, Engaged in Furious Combat.

Women Screamed, Cries of "Fire!" Were Raised, Reserves Were Called Out and After Desperate Struggle Two Arrests Were Made.

Just as the audience was leaving Proctor's Fifty-eighth street theatre after the performance this afternoon four men, one a policeman in plain clothes, engaged in a fight in the lobby that created a panic. It became necessary to call out the reserves from the East Fifty-first street station to settle the disturbance. Two of the men were arrested. Abraham Wolf and Bernard Cunningham, both of No. 24 East Eighty-first street.

Wolf an Cunningham, who are truckmen, attended the matinee. As they were passing out they encountered Policeman Kopp, of the Eldridge street station, who was in citizens' clothes and against whom they entertain a grudge. Kopp had also been at the

show with a friend, Louis Lowenstein, of No. 320 East Eighty-first street. After a few words Wolf and Cunningham sailed into Kopp and Lowenstein. They fought all over the lobby, knocking down women and children. Kopp drew his revolver and beat his assailants with it and blew his police whistle for assistance.

Attracted by the whistle and the screams of the women, Policeman O'Connor entered the theatre and joined in the melee, but was unable to separate the four men, who slammed each other indiscriminately. Rumor got out that the theatre was on fire, and a great crowd gathered in Third avenue, while some one sent in a call for the reserves.

Not until the reserves under Roundsman Kane arrived was the fight stopped. Wolf and Cunningham were accused of assaulting a policeman and Kane locked them up.

BOY 15, GIRL 13, MAY HAVE ELOPED

Roy Masters and Viola Miller Start to School Together and Disappear, and Search for Them Fails to Find Them.

MAMARONECK, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Viola Miller, thirteen years old, and Roy Masters, fifteen years old, pupils of the Rye Neck High School, have disappeared, and no trace of them can be found. They started from their homes yesterday morning, intending to go to school as usual, as was supposed, but they did not reach there, and all efforts to trace their subsequent movements have thus far failed.

Viola Miller is the daughter of Harvey Miller, superintendent of the Fairbanks Scales Company, New York City. Young Masters is the son of a carriage builder here. The two families reside a few blocks from each other in the Rye Neck section of this place. The boy and girl had been in the habit of walking to school together in the morning and back in the afternoon and they often met at school and other entertainments.

The girl is attractive and well developed and appears to be older than she really is. Masters is a manly youth and is popular among his companions. As a natural result of their simultaneous disappearance there is a rumor, which finds many believers, that they have eloped. It is said that when they went away they had \$20 between them.

A theory is that they went to New York to attend a matinee performance and are afraid to return home. When the girl did not return at her accustomed time yesterday afternoon inquiries were made about the village and it was learned that she had not attended school. It was also discovered that Masters had been absent, and, as he, too, failed to return home, the natural conclusion was that they had gone away together.

The families of both made search to-day without finding any clue to the whereabouts of the children. The police will be asked to look for them.

Mr. Miller, the father of the girl, is away on a business trip.

96 DEAD TAKEN FROM MINE.

Victims Being Buried While Rescuers Continue at Work.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 28.—The number of bodies rescued from the Allegheny Coal Company's mine to-day totals ninety-five. About thirty more are at the bottom of the shaft, ready to be brought up, and probably fifty are still in the mine. The first of the funerals were held to-day and a squad of men were put to work to-day digging graves for the victims in the plot of ground adjoining the Lutheran cemetery, halfway between here and Springdale. It is in this plot that those miners who have no friends able to bear the expense of a burial will be interred.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Friday, for New York City and vicinity: Moderating with snow late to-night and on Friday; light winds becoming fresh easterly.

SHIP CRASHES INTO FERRY-BOAT

Coastwise Steamer Hits the Princeton of the Pennsylvania Line in the North River and Disables Her.

TAKEN BACK TO JERSEY CITY BY TWO TOWBOATS.

After the Passengers Had Land-ed the Princeton Was Sent to the Hoboken Shops to Be Repaired.

The ferry-boat Princeton, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was struck amidships this afternoon by the Nachochee, of the Savannah line, while in the middle of the stream between Jersey City and the Desbrosses street ferry. The ferry-boat was so badly disabled that two tugs were signalled for at once and came to her assistance. She was towed with great difficulty to the Jersey side.

The accident occurred almost at an equidistant point from either side of the river. With a crash the steamer poked her prow into the ferry-boat directly back of the ladies' cabin. The blow was not a direct one. It slanted off, but light as it was it did great damage.

There was a rush of passengers to the sides, but a panic was averted. A signal for assistance went up and two of the Pennsylvania's tugs answered it. They gave a rope to the ferry-boat and by their combined efforts the Princeton was slowly drawn through the water to the other side of the river.

The ferry-boat New Jersey bound for the foot of Twenty-third street stood by in order to give assistance, if necessary. She was on her course up the river at the time. The paddle-box of the ferryboat was smashed to splinters, but the cabin was in no way damaged. The Princeton is an old-time, single-decker. She was sent to Hoboken for repairs.

The ferryboat Princeton was on her 3.30 trip when she was struck. She was running as an extra boat. She did not have as large a crowd on board as generally travels on the regular boats, but there were many persons on board, and great excitement was caused among the passengers by the accident.

The wheelhouse of the ferryboat was smashed and steam pipes were broken. Steam began to escape and there was great excitement on board. As far as can be learned there were no fatalities among the passengers or crew of either vessel.

TILT AT THE TRIAL OF FORGER QUEEN

Judge Foster Warns Lawyer Le Barbier that He Must Cease "Aside" Remarks on Penalty of a Fine.

The trial of Mabel Parker, who has won the title of "Forger Queen" through her amazing skill with the pen, was enlivened this afternoon by a tilt between Assistant District Attorney Train and Mr. Charles Le Barbier, counsel for the defendant. So bitter were the remarks of the two lawyers that Judge Foster interfered several times and finally threatened to fine Mr. Le Barbier \$25 if he continued his asides.

Mr. Train had just finished examining Handwriting Expert Kinsley, and as the expert left the stand Mr. Le Barbier said audibly: "I don't take any stock in him; he's a tin soldier."

Mr. Train fairly jumped in the air. "That appeal to Your Honor that such language is outrageous!" he exclaimed. The Court had no heard the remark, but when Mr. Train repeated it Judge Foster turned sharply to the prisoner's counsel and said:

"If you make any further remarks like that, Mr. Le Barbier, I will fine you."

Mabel Parker and her husband took the stand this afternoon. The woman testified that she did not sign the checks. Her husband admitted that he did. The testimony was practically the same as was given in the former trial.

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THREE CHILDREN OF HYMAN COHEN, KILLED BY FIRE IN TENEMENT WHERE THEY WERE LOCKED ALONE.



Sarah Cohen.



Meyer Cohen.

SPECIAL EXTRA.

BURNED BY OIL THAT BURST FROM HOSE

James Reilly, forty years old, of No. 265 Tenth avenue, was badly burned to-day while working in the hold of the Panama

line steamer Allianca at pier 57, North River. He was repairing a hose attached to a kerosene boiler. A hole was accidentally

cut in the hose, and the oil squirted over Reilly's face and head.

Some of the oil struck a lamp and ignited, and in an instant Reilly was in flames. He was taken to the New York Hospital and will probably recover.

Richard Granger, of No. 302 Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, who was assisting Reilly and who held the lamp, was not injured.

LATE WINNERS AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW JERSEY TROLLEY MANAGER FORCED OUT

Driven to Resign by the Indignation of the Riding Public, Backed by The Evening World, in the Fight Which Is Going On for Better Car Service.

As a result of The Evening World's campaign in behalf of the patrons of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey General Manager Wheatley, who has been running the street railway systems of Jersey City, Hoboken, Newark and surrounding cities and towns, resigned to-day. President Thomas N. McCarter has taken the management into his own hands and will be assisted by Col. Edwin H. Hine, executive agent of the company.

Until The Evening World took up the cause of the downtrodden street-car patrons of Northern New Jersey the "public-be" policy ruled the conduct of the Public Service Corporation. In less than two weeks The Evening World has compelled the President to make a public statement admitting neglect and the general manager has resigned. Without The Evening World's exposure of the conditions the Wheatley regime would still be mismanaging the street railroads.

Mr. Wheatley was taken to the Jersey street car lines from the Brooklyn Rapid Transit System. Previously he had been identified with the street railroads of Chicago. He took to the New Jersey lines scores of men from the notoriously bad lines of Brooklyn, and these men will undoubtedly hand in their resignations.

Albert H. Stanley, who recently entered the service of the Public Service Corporation from Detroit, will take charge of the practical operation of the system. He has been directed to make radical changes. Unless there is a great and immediate improvement many of the car lines owned by the Public Service Corporation will be cancelled by the cities in which its lines operate.

Mr. Wheatley when seen this afternoon at the company's office in Jersey City admitted that he had resigned, but refused to discuss the matter.

"I would rather have President Thomas N. McCarter to do the talking," said Mr. Wheatley.

MAYOR BEGINS WAR ON THE GAS EXTORTIONERS

Persistent Work of The Evening World in Exposing the Rapacity of the Combine Leads to an Order to Commissioner Oakley to Investigate Quality of Illuminant.

GAS THAT KILLS AS WELL AS ROBS IS NOW MADE OUT OF TEXAS OIL.

Raw Southern Product Is Substituted for Coal and the Inferior Illuminant Is Forced Through Defective Meters—Freezes Easily and Is More Dangerous Than Coal Gas.

The persistent efforts of The Evening World to force the Gas Trust to stop robbing the people through its defective meters and inferior gas have at last borne fruit.

Stirred to action by the revelations of the Trust's methods, printed day by day in The Evening World, Mayor McClellan to-day summoned to his office Commissioner John T. Oakley, of the Department of Water, Supply, Gas and Electricity, and had a long conference with him, the result of which will be a thorough investigation of the Trust's methods and a careful scrutiny by experts of its meters and the quality of the gas supplied to the people of the city.

There is to be no more sitting back and allowing the Gas Trust to continue undisturbed in its plundering of the people. Its every act is to be subjected to a careful scrutiny, not only now, but all the time.

GOOD NEWS FOR CONSUMERS.

This result, which will be good news to every gas consumer in the city, has only been accomplished by The Evening World's persistence in spreading the true state of affairs before the Mayor day by day. At last he and Commissioner Oakley have been forced to take cognizance of the disgraceful situation, and when the Commissioner left the Mayor's office to-day it was with positive orders to begin his investigation at once.

In speaking of the work to be undertaken by Commissioner Oakley, the Mayor said this afternoon:

"This will enable us in a measure to act decisively and definitely. Section 522 of the charter gives the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity power to investigate the quality of gas, and, finding it inferior, notify the companies and impose fines. These tests of gas can be made once a week and consecutively. We shall make immediate investigation as to quality at least, and that will be a step toward finally remedying in a degree the evils complained of."

ITS POOR GAS IS DEADLY.

In its unscrupulous greed to make more money and make it fast, the Gas Trust has laid itself open to the most serious of criminal charges—even to the taking of human life!

This statement is vouched for by Prof. Edward G. Love, superintendent of the photometrical branch of the Department of Water, Gas and Electric Supply.

Until to-day the indignation against the Gas Trust was based on the report of Jastrow Alexander, State Inspector of Gas Meters, that of the 72,000 gas meters in New York City which his department had examined, over 14,500 had been found defective in favor of the Consolidated Gas Company. That is, they were registering more gas than was actually consumed.

From a remark dropped by State Inspector Alexander to-day a change in the situation has been brought about. He said:

"While there are no complaints now than ever before, the real trouble is not with the gas meters. Of course, they are defective and are cheating the consumers, but the greater and most serious fault lies in the action of the company in substituting oil for coal gas, and in putting such a high pressure on the gas."

Following this tip The Evening World discovered that the Gas Trust about two months ago commenced the manufacture of illuminating gas from raw Texas oil, and further investigation showed that all plants are now being equipped for the substitution of such oil for coal.

Oil makes a much inferior gas to coal. It burns yellow, flickers, small particles of carbon burn and form soot and dirt, and under the same pressure as that used for coal gas it gives but seventeen thirds-seconds of the same candle-power of light.

Here is the startling assertion or accusation made by Prof. Love: "It is a notorious fact that the gas companies of this city are making their product from Texas oil. It, of course, cannot compare with coal for such a purpose, and the product is necessarily of a much lower grade, requiring air to force it in sufficient quantity through the pipes."

IT FREEZES EASILY.

"It freezes easily and, besides this danger to consumers, there exists that which lies in the formation of bubbles in the mains. They stop the flow of the illuminant and lights go out, leaving the jets open."

"When the bubbles burst the gas continues to flow again and the results are to be seen on every hand in cases of people suffocated, fires and explosions."

Persons who read the newspapers will recall that in the last two months many persons have gone to bed leaving a gas light or a gas stove burning and have been found dead in the morning, the flame extinguished and the gas flowing freely.

Before Mayor McClellan ordered Commissioner Oakley to act to-day he sent a written reply to many persons who had made complaints to him about the over-charges of the Gas Trust. He said in this letter that the city had no authority to inspect and regulate meters or the supply of gas. "It is entirely in the hands of the State Inspector of Gas Meters."

"I do not mention this," he said, "for the purpose of reflecting upon the policy which takes from New York the control of its own affairs, but simply to give you the information that unless gas companies prove amenable to a request of the Mayor, the hope of relief can only come from the State authorities."

"I trust that this is a sufficient assurance of my readiness to perform for the public the duties which are imposed upon me by law."

ETHICS WINS BUT IS DISQUALIFIED

Old Campaigner Runs Foully and Is Set Back, the Favorite, St. Tammany, Being Given the Race.

THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Clear the Arena (5 to 2) 1, Dusky (9 to 2) 2, Aggie Lewis 3.

SECOND RACE—Mayor Johnson (4 to 1) 1, Emma Grey (5 to 2) 2, Little Jack Horner 3.

THIRD RACE—Clangor (9 to 5) 1, Joe Goss (10 to 1) 2, Ben Howard 3.

FOURTH RACE—St. Tammany (even) 1, Pettijohn (9 to 5) 2, Boaster 3. Ethics won, but was disqualified for fouling.

FIFTH RACE—Ostrich (even) 1, Katie Powers (5 to 2) 2, Second Sight 3.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 28.—It was cold and cheerless at the track to-day and none but the regulars braved the inclement weather. A heavy rain fell last night and the track was ankle-deep in mud. There was some talk this afternoon of a special match race between De Reeske and Hands Across, the distance and weights to be the same at which they met Wednesday. De Reeske's owner thinks that Hands Across was lucky to beat his gelding yesterday.

Charles Booker, owner of Custus, presented the horse to Dr. Rexford this morning. Custus fell and dislocated his kneecap in the last race Wednesday. Rexford patched up the horse last night and is confident he will race again.

Withdrawals ruined what otherwise promised to be a swell racing card. Nineteen horses were scratched.

FIRST RACE.

Six furlongs. Purse \$400; entrance \$15; for three-year-olds. Starting: white, jockeys. St. Tammany. Str. Pl. Clear the Arena, 105.5. W. Hennessy 5 3/4 114.1 5 1/2 1. Dusky, 104.5. Helgeson 4 1/2 2 3/4 6 1/2 2. Aggie Lewis, 103.5. Robins 1 2 3 5 1/2 8 3. Kimbark, 102.5. Phillips 3 4 4 5 5 5 3 3 3. John M., 105. Higgins 4 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6. Start good. Won easily. Time—1:16 1/5.

Dusky started out and set the pace to the run down the backstretch. Rounding the far turn Clear the Arena moved up and raced the leader into submission. In the final furlong Clear the Arena drew off and won as she pleased at the end.

SECOND RACE.

Six furlongs. Starting: white, jockeys. St. Tammany. Str. Pl. M. Johnson, 104. Higgins 3 1/2 2 3/4 3 1/2 3. Clangor, 103. Helgeson 4 1/2 2 3/4 6 1/2 3. Little Jack Horner, 101.5. P. 2 1/2 3 1/2 6 1/2 3 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Time—1:16 1/5.

Little Jack Horner rushed to the front when the start came and showed the way for the first furlong. John Johnson took command and was never after. He was in the lead when the race was over. He was out of the race home, but could never get to the leaders.

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